

Appl. No. 09/814,260
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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in the present application. Applicants have cancelled claims 72, 92, 106, 126-129 and 143-147 and added new claims 150-156. Without admission to the propriety of the prior art rejections, Applicants have attempted to place the application in condition for allowance as set forth below and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Claims 103, 105-106, 126-129, 142-143 and 146-147 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(a) for anticipation by U.S. Patent No. 5,791,970 to Yueh et al. Claims 68-71, 74-76, 84-91, 93-95, 138-141, 145 and 148 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) for obviousness over Yueh.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and urge allowance of the pending claims.

Claim 68 has been amended to include the limitations of previously pending claim 72 which was indicated in the Office Action to recite allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request allowance of claim 68 in the next Action.

The claims which depend from independent claim 68 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above with respect to the independent claim as well as for their own respective features which are neither shown nor suggested by the cited art.

Claim 87 has been amended to include the limitations of previously pending claim 92 which was indicated in the Office Action to recite allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request allowance of claim 87 in the next Action.

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The claims which depend from independent claim 87 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above with respect to the independent claim as well as for their own respective features which are neither shown nor suggested by the cited art.

Claim 103 has been amended to include the limitations of previously pending claim 144 which was indicated in the Office Action to recite allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request allowance of claim 103 in the next Action.

The claims which depend from independent claim 103 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above with respect to the independent claim as well as for their own respective features which are neither shown nor suggested by the cited art.

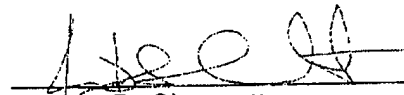
Applicants hereby include a courtesy copy of an IDS and form PTO-1449 which apparently has not been considered by the Office. Applicants respectfully request return of the initialed form PTO-1449 to Applicants indicating consideration of the references cited thereon.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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